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**RE: COMMENTS ON PROPOSITION 1 SUSTAINABLE
GROUNDWATER PLANNING GRANT PROGRAM DRAFT
GUIDELINES AND COUNTIES WITH STRESSED BASINS
PROPOSAL SOLICITATION PACKAGE**

To Whom It May Concern:

Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District (Regional San), appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on the Department of Water Resources (DWR) Proposition 1 Sustainable Groundwater Planning Grant Program Draft Guidelines (Draft Guidelines) and the Counties with Stressed Basins Proposal Solicitation Package (PSP). Regional San provides wastewater treatment for over 1.4 million residents and businesses in the Cities of Sacramento, Folsom, West Sacramento, Elk Grove, Rancho Cordova, Citrus Heights, the communities of Courtland and Walnut Grove, and portions of the unincorporated areas of Sacramento County.

Our feedback and suggestions are outlined below:

Comments on Draft Guidelines

II. Introduction and Overview- C. Program Preferences and Statewide Priorities

We appreciate that DWR will give priority to proposals submitted by counties that are forming or participating in the formation of Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) and to proposals for projects or programs that implement an adopted Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Plan. Both the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act and the Integrated Regional Water Management Program are important tools that facilitate coordinated management of our water resources. This coordinated approach to water management will be increasingly important as we face increasing demand on our water supplies due to a growing population.

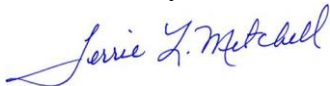
Comments on PSP

I. Introduction- A. Eligibility Criteria

We suggest that DWR consider expanding the pool of eligible applicants for this program. While county governments are often involved in the groundwater planning process, in some cases there are other entities that would be the lead for this process and would be a more appropriate applicant for these funds. For example, in the Sacramento area, the Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority is responsible for managing the Central Groundwater Basin (South American Sub-basin) and is leading efforts to form a GSA. As a result, for certain eligible projects listed in the PSP, such as updating or developing groundwater plans, the Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority may be better suited to apply for a grant from this program rather than the County of Sacramento.

In conclusion, we appreciate the opportunity to comment on the Draft Guidelines and PSP. If we can be of any assistance please call me at 916-876-6092, or mitchellt@sacsewer.com.

Sincerely,



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